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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 2251

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, WB, GW  
SUBJECT: SOME FONOFF VIEWS ON BERLIN

1. FONOFF REPS LUECKING AND VON ARNIM MADE RECENT  
ORIENTATION VISIT TO BERLIN, AND ON OCTOBER 19 SPENT  
AWHILE WITH ALLIED POLADS.

2. LUECKING SAID THAT QUESTION OF BERLIN-FEDERATION  
TIES CONTINUED TO BE MOST CRUCIAL FOR FRG. HE HOPED  
THIS COULD BE STUDIED WITH VIEW TO ARRIVING AT  
WESTERN CONSENSUS SOON, AS NECESSARY PRELIMINARY  
TO FRG STARTING NEW DIALOGUE WITH USSR. IT WOULD BE  
UNWISE TO START THIS NEW ROUND WITH MOSCOW WITHOUT  
KNOWING QUITE CLEARLY WHAT VIEWS THE THREE POWERS  
THEMSELVES HAD ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. AS FOR TIMING OF A BREZHNEV VISIT, LUECKING THOUGHT  
IT WOULD BE LATE SPRING 1977, LONG ENOUGH DELAYED TO  
PERMIT SUBSTANTIAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THREE ALLIES. HE  
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SAID THAT THERE WAS NO HOPE FOR A LEGAL ASSISTANCE AGREE-

MENT QUITE ASIDE FROM THE BERLIN CLAUSE TROUBLE; THE FRG HAD TROUBLE WITH ITS OWN LAENDER WHICH PRECLUDED SUCH AN AGREEMENT NOW.

4. HE SAID THAT SENAT OFFICIALS HAD PRIASED GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALLIED MISSIONS. HE SEEMED SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THIS, NOTING THAT SUCH GOOD FEELINGS HAD NOT ALWAYS EXISTED.

5. WE ASKED HIM RATHER POINTEDLY ABOUT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S PROPOSAL THAT ALL THE CURRENT BERLIN MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE GDR BE ROLLED INTO ONE BALL FOR NEGOTIATION( USBER 2203). LUECKING THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE A BAD IDEA, AND THAT IT WOULD IN FACT BE UNWORKABLE BECAUSE THE TOTAL SUMS INVOLVED ARE TOO LARGE. TAKEN ALL TOGETHER SUCH A DEAL WOULD REPRESENT WELL OVER A BILLION DM. IT WOULD BE TOO LARGE TO SELL TO THE PUBLIC AS A WISE EXPENDITURE, GIVEN OVERALL BUDGETARY STRINGENCIES.

6. COMMENT: IT WAS EVIDENT THAT LUECKING AND THE UK POLAD WERE SOMEWHAT UNSETTLED AT THE POSSIBILITY OF EVERYTHING BEING WRAPPED UP INTO SUCH A LARGE PACKAGE THAT IT WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED BY GAUS' OFFICE.  
GEORGE

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